

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claim as follows:

6. (currently amended) A process for functionalizing or modifying compounds or surfaces having at least one group which is reactive toward isocyanate, by reacting a compound of the formula 1



where R¹ and R² are each a substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched saturated or unsaturated alkylene radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated cycloalkylene radical having from 3 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylene radical having from 3 to 20 carbon atoms, an arylenealkylene radical having from 4 to 20 carbon atoms, a heterocyclic radical or any linear or branched sequence of two or more of the radicals mentioned, if desired linked via ether, thioether, ester amine or amide structures, X is a covalent bond to R² or O, S or NR³, where R³ is a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated alkyl radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated cycloalkyl radical having from 3 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl radical having from 3 to 20 carbon atoms, a heterocyclic radical or any linear or branched sequence of two or more of the radicals mentioned, Y is a hydrogen atom or a free functional group and n is an integer from 1 to 20, with at least one isocyanate-reactive group of a compound having at least one isocyanate-reactive group, which group reacts with the OCN-R¹- moiety of the formula

(1) wherein Y is retained as a hydrogen atom or a free functional group, or with at least one isocyanate-reactive group on a surface which has at least one isocyanate-reactive group which group reacts with the OCN-R¹- moiety of the compound of the formula (1) wherein Y is retained as a hydrogen or a free functional group.

8. (previously elected) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the compound which has at least one group which is reactive toward isocyanate is a monomer, polymer, dendrimer, hyperbranched polymer or star polymer containing at least one group which is reactive toward isocyanate.

11. (previously elected) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the surface which has at least one group which is reactive toward isocyanate is a surface of wood, glass, textiles, ceramic materials, leather, paper, plastic, stone, concrete, metals or metal alloys, with the proviso that these surfaces have at least one group which is reactive toward isocyanate.

12. (previously elected) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the group which is reactive toward isocyanate is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, amino, amido, carboxyl and mercapto and mixtures thereof.

13. (previously elected) A process as claimed in claim 8, wherein the group which is reactive toward isocyanate is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, amino, amido, carboxyl and mercapto.